

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AfDB	African Development Bank
ANC	African National Congress
AU	Africa Union
BCP	Botswana Congress Party
BNF	Botswana National Front
CCM	Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Tanzania)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
CEN	Commonwealth Electoral Network
CEON-U	Citizens Election Observers Network-Uganda
CET	Commonwealth Expert Team
COG	Commonwealth Observer Group
COPE	Congress of the People (South Africa)
CSO	civil society organisations
DA	Democratic Alliance (South Africa)
EASSI	Eastern African Sub-regional Support Initiative for the Advancement of Women
ECN	Electoral Council of Namibia
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EFF	Economic Freedom Fighters (South Africa)
EISA	Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa
EMB	election management body
EU	European Union
FIDA	Federation of Women Lawyers
FPTP	first-past-the-post (electoral system)
FRELIMO	Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (Mozambique Liberation Front)
GBV	gender-based violence
GFP	gender focal point/person
GMP	Global Media Monitoring Project
IDEA	International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

IEC	Electoral Commission (of South Africa)
IFES	International Foundation for Electoral Systems
IFP	Inkatha Freedom Party (South Africa)
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
LCD	Lesotho Congress for Democracy
MCP	Malawi Congress Party
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MMP	mixed member proportional system
MP	Member of Parliament
NEPAD	New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NRM	National Resistance Movement (Uganda)
PF	Patriotic Front (Zambia)
PoA	Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality
PR	proportional representation (electoral system)
RDPC	Rassemblement Démocratique du Peuple Camerounais (Cameroon People's Democratic Movement)
RGB	Rwanda Governance Board
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SDF	Social Democratic Front (Cameroon)
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
STAR-Ghana	Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness
SWAPO	South West Africa People's Organisation
TSMs	temporary special measures
UDF	United Democratic Front (Malawi)
UDM	United Democratic Movement (South Africa)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

USA	United States of America
USAID	US Agency for International Development
UWONET	Uganda Women's Network
UWOPA	Uganda Women's Parliamentary Association
VAWE	violence against women in elections
VAWP	violence against women in politics
WEF	World Economic Forum
WILDAF	Women in Law and Development
WRO	women's rights organisation
ZNWL	Zambia National Women's Lobby Group